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Application No. 10/823,291
Amendment dated January 4, 2006
After Final Office Action of September 14, 2005

Docket No.: 08211/0200655-US0 (P05800)

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REMARKS

After entry of the first Amendment After Final (filed by Applicant on August 19, 2005), Claims 1-16 and 18-24 were pending. Applicants filed a second Amendment after Final on November 14, 2005. On the first Advisory Action (mailed November 30), it was erroneously stated that the amendment filed on November 14, 2005 "will not be entered". In the second Advisory Action, mailed December 23, 2005, it was clarified that the first advisory action should have stated that the amendment filed on November 14, 2004 "will be entered" rather than "will not be entered." Accordingly, the second Amendment after Final (filed on November 14, 2005) was entered. Applicant filed a third Amendment After Final (filed on December 13, 2005), which was not entered.

After entry of the second Amendment After Final (filed November 14, 2005), but prior to entry of this paper, Claims 1-10, 12, and 21-24 were pending. Claims 21 and 23 were allowed, and Claims 1-10, 12, 22, and 24 were rejected.

Applicant's representative held an interview with the Examiner on January 4, 2005. Claim 24 was discussed. In the interview, Applicant's representative respectfully submitted that Claim 24, as amended in the amendment filed on December 13, 2005, was in condition for allowance. The Examiner agreed to reconsider Claim 24 and to call Applicant's representative back after reconsidering the claim. The Examiner telephoned Applicant's representative later the same day, and stated that he agreed that Claim 24 as amended in the amendment filed on December 13, 2005 was in condition for allowance. Applicant's representative stated that, since the amendment filed on December 13, 2005 was not entered, Applicant's representative would file a new amendment in which Claim 24 would be amended in the same manner as the amendment to Claim 24 in the paper filed on December 13, 2005.

In this paper, Claims 1-10, 12, and 22 are cancelled, and Claim 24 is amended. Claims 21, 23, and 24 are currently pending. Since Claims 21 and 23 stand allowed, and since Claim 24 as amended in this paper is in condition for allowance (since it is the same amendment to Claim 24 which was made in the amendment filed on December 13, 2005, as discussed above), it is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (21, 23, and 24) are in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (Claims 21, 23, and 24) are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that the prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby. Although only certain arguments regarding patentability are set forth herein, there may be other arguments and reasons why the claimed invention is patentable. Applicant reserves the right to raise these arguments in the future.

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